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SUBJECT: VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER TINDEMANS

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1. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY (CHEF DE CABINET CAHEN), AFTER CONSULTING TINDEMANS' OFFICE, OFFER US THE FOLLOWING LIST OF TOPICS THAT TINDEMANS EXPECTS TO RAISE IN WASHINGTON:

-- NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION AND THE NEED OF COUNTRIES LIKE BELGIUM FOR A NUCLEAR ENERGY INDUSTRY.

-- ARMS LIMITATION AND THE QUESTION OF ARMS SALES AND TRANSFERS.

-- THE CSCE FOLLOW-UP - GOALS AND PROSPECTS FOR THE BELGRADE MEETING.

-- THE PLACE OF EC IN THE WORLD SUMMIT MEETINGS (TINDEMANS WILL MAKE A CASE FOR EQUAL EC REPRESENTATION AT "WORLD SUMMITS").

-- AFRICA POLICY AND SPECIFICALLY THE PROPOSAL FOR COORDINATED MULTILATERAL AID TO ZAIRE WHICH BELGIUM IS PROMOTING.

-- SABENA'S ASPIRATION FOR A SECOND GATEWAY TO THE U.S.

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2. CAHEN SAID ALL OF THESE TOPICS COULD BE RAISED WITH THE PRESIDENT BY TINDEMANS. HE WAS CERTAIN THAT THE PRIME MINISTER WILL DISCUSS EC'S ROLE IN WORLD SUMMITS WITH THE PRESIDENT. LIKEWISE SABENA LANDING RIGHTS LOOKED LIKE A SURE THING FOR WHITE HOUSE DISCUSSION AFTER "TECHNICAL TALKS" AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT. (THE BELGIANS ARE ASKING THAT BILATERAL

CONSULTATIONS BE MOVED UP TO SEPTEMBER 6-7).

3. TO ASSIST IN PREPARATIONS FOR THE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT, THE EMBASSY WILL SUBMIT BY SEPTELS CONCISE DESCRIPTIONS OF BELGIUM'S PARTICULAR INTEREST IN THE CITED AGENDA TOPICS AND THE PROBABLE POSITIONS TO BE DAQELOPED BY TINDEMANS IN WASHINGTON. CHAMBERS

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